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Title: **STRETCHABLE COMPOSITE SHEET FOR ADDING SOFTNESS AND  
TEXTURE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the Specification**

At page 39, in Table 1, line 2, delete "Sample 1" and insert -- Sample 1<sup>a</sup> --.

At page 39, in Table 1, line 3, delete "Sample 2" and insert -- Sample 2<sup>a</sup> --.

At page 39, in Table 1, line 4, delete "Sample 3" and insert -- Sample 3<sup>a</sup> --.

At page 39, in Table 1, line 6, delete "Sample 4" and insert -- Sample 4<sup>a</sup> --.

At page 39, after Table 1, please insert: -- a. Samples of the invention were prepared as  
described in Examples 1 or 2, not obtained in retail stores. --

**Remarks**

The amendments to the specification are to clarify that Samples 1-4, listed in Tables 1 and 2, were made by the process disclosed in the present application and are not commercial products. The commercial products are identified by their trade names. It would be clear to one skilled in the art that the characterization that Samples 1-4 were made by the process disclosed in the present application flows from the information in the specification, including Tables 1 and 2. Thus, no new subject matter is added.

A substitute page 39, as amended, is included for convenience.

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